(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Allocation for Water Resources

2394. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 5% of the total water resources available in the country are required for drinking and domestic use; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not making potable water available to all even now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) Around 5% of the total water resources available in the country are required for drinking and domestic use.

(b) Non availability of sufficient funds is the main reason for not covering all the habitions till date. However, as per the action plans prepared by the States, all habitations of all the States except some parts of Rajasthan are to be covered with provision for drinking water during the 9th Plan period. Further, dirnking water supply being a State subject, the Central Government only supplements the efforts of the State Government by providing funds by way of 100% grants-in-aid.

Diversion of Funds Meant for Panchayati Raj

2395. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-items appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 3rd November, 1997, captioned 'Naidu's programme linked to that of Gandhi' to the effect that the so-called Janambhoomi programme launched by Government of Andhra Pradesh, involved diversion of funds meant for Panchayati Raj Schemes to the so-called 'Janambhoomi' programme equating it with the "fodder scam" of Bihar; and

(b) if so, whether Government have caused an inquiry into the alleged diversion and misuse of Central funds and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Andhra Pradesh have reported that funds under JRY are being released to the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) i.e. Zilla Parishads and Gram Panchayats strictly as per the guidelines issued by the Government of India. They have also informed that the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) is also being implemented strictly as per guidelines of the scheme.

मध्य प्रदेश में जवाहर रोजगार योजना के अन्तर्गत धनराशि का आबंटन

2396. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जवाहर रोजगार योजना के अन्तर्गत मध्य प्रदेश में धनराशि का आबंटन बिना जन प्रतिनिधियों से सम्पर्क किए राजनीतिक पक्षपात करते हुए किया जाता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो देश के अन्य भागों से मिली ऐसी शिकायतों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कार्रवाई करने का विचार रखती है?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बाबागौड़ा पाटिल): (क) जी नहीं। जवाहर रोजगार योजना के अंतर्गत केन्द्रीय सहायता का आबंटन राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों/ जिसमें मध्य प्रदेश भी शामिल है, को गरीबी की स्थिति के आधार पर और जिलों को पिछड़ेपन के आधार पर किया जाता है। जिले को आबंटित कुल जवाहर रोजगार योजना की निधियों में से जिला ग्रामीण विकास एजेंसी/जिला परिषद के स्तर पर जवाहर रोजगार योजना की 15% निधियों को अलग रखने के बाद मध्य प्रदेश स्तरीय पंचायत और ग्राम पंचायत की जनसंख्या के आधार पर निर्धारित मानदण्ड

के अनुसार शेष 15% निधियां मध्य स्तरीय पंचायतों तथा 70% निधियां ग्राम पंचायतों के बीच आबंटित की जाती है।

(ख) ऐसी कोई शिकायत प्राप्त नहीं हुई है।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Funding Pattern for Sub-Mission Project

2397. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently changed the funding pattern for Sub-Mission Project (SMP) for floride/Brackish water affected habitation from 75:25 to 50:50 (between Centre and States);

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that decision will inflict a severe flow to the States like Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan; and

(c) whether Government are going to supplement the affected States with the funds in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) to (c) Issues related to water quality are addressed through the Sub-Mission of the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission. There are five such Sub-Mission (on the control of Brackishness, Guneaworm Eradication, Removal of Excess Iron, control of Flourosis, control of Arsenic and sustainability). Prior to 1.4.98, individual schemes from the states were approved/ funded by the Government of India.

However, keeping in view the need to accord greater flexibility to the states in the use of central funds, powers to sanction such schemes have been delegated to the States/UTs w.e.f. 1.4.98 and the funds hiher to earmarked for this purpose merged with the ARWSP funds.

Further in order to ensure that adequate attention is given to quality issues, States/UTs, are to utilise upto 20% of the total enhanced corpus to address water quality issue. The States/UTs have also been empowerd to go beyond this ceiling in certain cases.

Operation and maintenance of Drinking Water Systems

2398. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given Rs. seven crores to State Governments to train people for operation and maintenance of drinking water systems;

(b) whether Government gets feedback from States regarding the number of people trained in each State; and

(c) if so, the number of people trained in each State so far during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) No Sir. financial assistance is given by the Central Government to the States for training on the basis of the project submitted by each State.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.

Safe Drinking Water in Karnataka

2399. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 2304 habitations in Karnataka where there is no source of potable water provided by Government within a radius of 1.6 km.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the mesures Government propose to take to provide safe drinking water?